



Regional Service Council Minutes

Region # 16

Meeting Date: October 26, 2006
Meeting Location: Haub Steak House, Haubstadt, Indiana

Council Members Present: Regional Manager Virginia Combs
Larry Marchino
Susan Blackburn
Steve Cunningham
David Straw
Judge Brett Niemeier
Juanita Working
Julie Weeks
Judge David Kelly
Judge Timothy Crowley

Council Members Absent: Chris Hoehn

Others In Attendance: Lark Buckman
Judith Harper
Dr. John Ireland (Ireland & Luzio)
Mike Singleton (Ireland & Luzio)
Bill Curtis (Hillcrest-Washington Home)
Cynthia Smith (Youth Service Bureau)
Jara Dillingham (Villages)
Netah Roberts (DOULOS)
Penny Pitcock (Dodson/Shively)
Kelley Cruse (Wernle)
Valerie Nicholas (CASA)
Ann Hecht (Children & Family Services)

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Called to Order at: Approximately 5:00 p.m. (6:00 p.m. Indianapolis time) by Regional Manager Virginia Combs.

1. Mrs. Combs asked everyone to introduce themselves. The agenda for today's meeting and the minutes of the August 31st meeting had been mailed to all Council members prior to the meeting. On a motion by Juanita Working,

seconded by Steve Cunningham, the minutes of the August 31, 2006 meeting were unanimously approved as revised (names of Council members).

2. Gini Combs updated the group on the Practice Reform program and stated that the northern Indiana regions are the first to roll out with this program. Many counties in the state are doubling their number of Family Case Managers and some are also adding supervisors to the Department of Child Services staff. The DCS staff will have the time to engage more with families in the future and will learn to hold child and family team meetings. Both the child and parents will be able to invite other family members, neighbors or whomever they wish to include. CASA and maybe the child's teachers would get involved. The family group will then develop a plan with DCS feedback.

Mrs. Combs mentioned that training in the program in Region 16 will be starting next July. Gini will ask if providers, particularly CASA, can be included in the training for at least a part of it.

3. Dr. John Ireland and Mike Singleton distributed handouts of the Region 16 Community Partners for Child Safety case summaries for the month of September listed by county. The Community Partners program has been up and running since July 1st 2006. They also passed out a combined summary for July - September, 2006 cases that have closed with explanations of their outcomes. Mike displayed posters that are being used as a marketing tool for the Community Partners program.
4. At the last meeting of the Council, it was agreed that we need to develop a regional advisory group for the Community Partners program. At that time Council members decided that the Regional Service Council would be the best group to form the advisory board. Gini would like to set up a temporary ad hoc committee to discuss and formulate recommendations about what the advisory board role would be. This committee could meet by phone conference or by email and bring to our January meeting some recommendations for the formation of an advisory board. Gini asked the county directors to form the ad hoc committee. Cynthia Smith volunteered to be on the committee also.
5. The county Directors handed out budget summary sheets showing the cost of placements and services for CHINS wards versus delinquent wards for January through June, 2006. Judge Niemeier had asked for this information at the last meeting. Gini thanked the Directors for providing the expenditure information.
6. Mrs. Combs distributed the Region 16 Abuse/Neglect Service Plan for 2007 and a copy of the Placement Costs by County for the years 2002 – 2005. She stated that the county Directors would be presenting funding request proposals for Child

Welfare Services for 2007. Central Office has directed that the Regional Service Councils will need to vote on the proposals that have been solicited by the counties. The Directors handed out the proposals for their county and indicated the identified service gap that each service would fill.

PROVIDER

SERVICE GAP FILLED

Susan Blackburn – Gibson County

Gibson County ARC
Thelma Russell/Teresa Miller
Debra Corn Agency

Wraparound Program
Parenting Classes
Sex Abuse Programming (Children)

Susan Blackburn – Posey County

Opportunity Center Alternative School
Albion Fellows Bacon Center
YWCA
Debra Corn Agency

School Programs
Domestic Violence Shelter & Services
Domestic Violence Shelter & Services
Sex Abuse Programming (Children)

Steve Cunningham – Pike County

Debra Corn Agency
Winslow Elementary School
Harbor House

Sex Abuse Programming (Children)
School Programs
Domestic Violence Shelter

Larry Marchino – Knox County

Samaritan Center
Samaritan Center
YMCA
Children and Family Services
Children and Family Services

School Programs
Wraparound Services
Tutoring
Parenting Education
School Programs

Judy Harper – Warrick County

Debra Corn Agency
ARK Crisis Child Care Center
Albion Fellows Bacon Center

Sex Abuse Programming (Children)
ARK Nursery Supervised Visitation
Domestic Violence Shelter & Services

Lark Buckman – Vanderburgh County

Lampion Center
Lampion Center
Lampion Center
Lampion Center
Lampion Center
ARK Crisis Child Care Center
Albion Fellows Bacon Center

School Programs
Sex Abuse Programming (Caretakers)
Sex Abuse Programming (Children)
Parenting Education
Testing/Therapy, Case Mgmt., Diagnostic
ARK Nursery Supervised Visitation
Domestic Violence Shelter & Services

Deaconess Family Medicine Residency	Parenting Education
Youth First	Strengthening Families Program
YWCA	Domestic Violence Shelter & Services
Community Services Planning Council	Wraparound Services

7. Gini Combs informed the Council that there is a possibility of bringing some additional funding to our region if we make our request timely. Gini had asked Dr. Ireland to prepare a proposal asking for additional funding for the Community Programming for the region. Copies of the proposal were handed out.
8. Mrs. Combs distributed a request from Lincoln Hills Development for funding from IV-B adoption funds. They have submitted a proposal for adoption services for Posey County. The Regional Service Council's approval is needed to transfer money from one IV-B area to another so we will also vote on this at the November 16th meeting. She also has a request from Villages for this service for some of the other counties in Region 16. That proposal will be discussed at the November 16th meeting also.

Next Meeting Date, Location and Time: November 16, 2006 at 5:00 p.m. at Haub Steak House, Haubstadt, Indiana. Mrs. Combs noted that at that meeting Council members will vote on which Child Welfare Service proposals to fund for 2007.

Meeting Adjourned at: Approximately 7:15 p.m. (8:15 p.m. Indianapolis time).